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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 21, 2005

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. CANTWELL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Automobile Fuel Econ-
5 omy Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASED AVERAGE FUEL ECONOMY STANDARD**
 2 **FOR LIGHT TRUCKS.**

3 (a) DEFINITION OF LIGHT TRUCK.—Section
 4 32901(a) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in each of paragraphs (1) through (14), by
 6 striking the period at the end and inserting a semi-
 7 colon;

8 (2) in paragraph (15), by striking the period at
 9 the end and inserting “; and”;

10 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (12) through
 11 (16) as paragraphs (13) through (17), respectively;
 12 and

13 (4) by inserting after paragraph (11) the fol-
 14 lowing:

15 “(12) ‘light truck’ has the meaning given that
 16 term in regulations prescribed by the Secretary of
 17 Transportation in the administration of this chap-
 18 ter;”.

19 (b) REQUIREMENT FOR INCREASED STANDARD.—
 20 Section 32902(a) of title 49, United States Code, is
 21 amended—

22 (1) by inserting “(1)” after “**AUTO-**
 23 **MOBILES.**—”;

24 (2) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting
 25 “Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary”; and

26 (3) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(2) The average fuel economy standard for light
 2 trucks manufactured by a manufacturer may not be less
 3 than—

4 “(A) 23.5 miles per gallon for model year 2008;

5 “(B) 24.8 miles per gallon for model year 2009;

6 “(C) 26.1 miles per gallon for model year 2010;

7 and

8 “(D) 27.5 miles per gallon for model year 2011

9 and each model year thereafter.”.

10 (c) APPLICABILITY.—Section 32902(a)(2) of title 49,
 11 United States Code, as added by subsection (b)(3), shall
 12 not apply with respect to light trucks manufactured before
 13 model year 2009.

14 **SEC. 3. FUEL ECONOMY STANDARDS FOR AUTOMOBILES UP**
 15 **TO 10,000 POUNDS GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT.**

16 (a) VEHICLES DEFINED AS AUTOMOBILES.—Section
 17 32901(a)(3) of title 49, United States Code, is amended
 18 by striking “rated at—” and all that follows and inserting
 19 “rated at not more than 10,000 pounds gross vehicle
 20 weight.”.

21 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
 22 subsection (a) shall take effect on January 1, 2011.

23 **SEC. 4. FUEL ECONOMY OF THE FEDERAL FLEET OF VEHI-**
 24 **CLES.**

25 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

1 (1) the term “class of vehicles” means a class
 2 of vehicles for which an average fuel economy stand-
 3 ard is in effect under chapter 329 of title 49, United
 4 States Code;

5 (2) the term “executive agency” has the mean-
 6 ing given the term in section 4(1) of the Office of
 7 Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 403(1));
 8 and

9 (3) the term “new vehicle”, with respect to the
 10 fleet of vehicles of an executive agency, means a ve-
 11 hicle procured by or for the agency after September
 12 30, 2007.

13 (b) BASELINE AVERAGE FUEL ECONOMY.—The head
 14 of each executive agency shall determine the average fuel
 15 economy for all of the vehicles in each class of vehicles
 16 in the agency’s fleet of vehicles in fiscal year 2006.

17 (c) INCREASE OF AVERAGE FUEL ECONOMY.—The
 18 head of each executive agency shall manage the procure-
 19 ment of vehicles in each class of vehicles for that agency
 20 to ensure that—

21 (1) not later than September 30, 2008, the av-
 22 erage fuel economy of the new vehicles in the agen-
 23 cy’s fleet of vehicles in each class of vehicles is not
 24 less than 3 miles per gallon higher than the baseline
 25 average fuel economy determined for that class; and

1 (2) not later than September 30, 2011, the av-
2 erage fuel economy of the new vehicles in the agen-
3 cy's fleet of vehicles in each class of vehicles is not
4 less than 6 miles per gallon higher than the baseline
5 average fuel economy determined for that class.

6 (d) CALCULATION OF AVERAGE FUEL ECONOMY.—

7 For purposes of this section—

8 (1) average fuel economy shall be calculated in
9 accordance with guidance prescribed by the Sec-
10 retary of Transportation for the implementation of
11 this section; and

12 (2) average fuel economy calculated under sub-
13 section (b) for an agency's vehicles in a class of vehi-
14 cles shall be the baseline average fuel economy for
15 the agency's fleet of vehicles in that class.

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